

ALEXANDRIA, VA.
TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 28, 1893.

THE BOARD OF TRADE of a western State has pronounced against kissing and taking communion, for the assigned reason that the lips and the chalice may communicate disease. Well, people have been kissing since the commencement of recorded history and been taking communion for nearly nineteen hundred years, and as they have increased and multiplied throughout the whole of that time, it isn't at all probable that much need will be taken of the sayings of the board referred to. Certainly no Christian will be deterred from taking communion by the dread of infection, and the man whom a similar fear would induce to reject the offer of parting, cherry lips ought to be, not only infected, but to die.

As even the owners of the so-called tin mines of this country concede that they can not produce five per cent. of the tin used here, why not repeal the law that imposes four cents a pound on tin after the first of next July? To do so would reduce the price of all canned food, and that would reduce the cost of poor people's living, for that class of people consume that sort of food. Rich people can afford to buy fresh fruit and vegetables all the year round. But still Mr. Carlisle says an early extra session of Congress would give the office seekers an opportunity to embarrass the administration.

THE U. S. SENATORS, irrespective of party, gave Vice-President Morton a magnificent banquet in Washington last night. This was as it should have been. Mr. Morton is a republican, but is the Vice-President of the whole country, and not of one-half of it, nor of one of its parties. During the famous fight on the Force bill he held the scales with an even balance, and that he did so was the reason the managers of his party refused to renominate him.

THE APPROPRIATIONS made at the session of Congress just closing amount to about five hundred and fifty million dollars. This enormous and shameful sum is exacted almost entirely of the poor people of the country by taxes on their necessities of life, for a rich man can use no more of such necessities than a poor one. The bonds and stocks of the former are not taxed, but the salt and coarse clothing of the latter are.

A SURPRISE of the closing days of the 52nd Congress was the passage of the car-coupler bill by the House of Representatives yesterday. Its friends had almost abandoned hope. But during the hurry and flurry of the dying hours of a congressional session there is no telling what may or may not be done.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has a weak side for bank wreckers and swindlers. He has pardoned no less than seventeen of them during his administration, and worse still, he stands by Raum to the last.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28, 1893.

The members of the Virginia democratic association of this city deny the report printed in some of the newspapers to the effect that they recently passed a resolution requesting the Virginia Congressmen to recommend no Virginian for office unless approved by them. They say their request was that the Virginia Congressmen should make no recommendations of people living here, and claiming to be Virginians and democrats, unless the democracy and Virginia citizenship of the applicants be vouched by the association, which keeps a list of all the Virginia democrats sojourning here. The association at its last meeting endorsed Mr. John Goode for U. S. Solicitor General, having previously been informed by him that such endorsement would be agreeable, provided the next Attorney General were not taken from Virginia.

General Taliaferro of Virginia, was at the Capitol to-day in the interest of the bill for the relief of William and Mary College. He had an interview with Mr. Speaker Crisp on the subject, who informed him that if possible he would give Mr. Taliaferro to-morrow or next day an opportunity to move to take up that bill. It has already passed the Senate.

Mr. Quay presented in the Senate to-day a petition signed by pastors of many of the Washington churches, and others, on the subject of the proposed concert programme by the Marine band, in the Pension Office Building next Sunday (as part of the inauguration ceremonies). It declared that to permit the holding of such concerts on Sunday by a band of musicians connected with one of the great departments of the government, in a government building and as a part of the inauguration ceremonies would be a national sin; that such desecration would be unprecedented; and that it would be used as an authority and example for the complete secularization of Sunday. It therefore asks that orders be issued forbidding the use of any government building for such a purpose on that day. In connection with it, Mr. Quay offered a resolution (which was agreed to) calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information on the subject.

A heavy, steady fall of rain marked the departure of President Harrison from Washington to-day for Philadelphia where he went with a large party

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Forty thousand men are expected to participate in the inaugural parade in Washington Saturday next.

It cost the government \$110,000 in coal to bring the cruising squadron from the Pacific ocean to Hampton Roads.

The Roman police yesterday surprised twenty-six anarchists at work in a bomb factory and all were arrested.

Two Mormon elders are in Spotsylvania county preaching the doctrines of their church wherever they can get a suitable place.

Mr. Churchill Jones, a respected citizen of Stafford, died at his residence near Hartwood Church last Friday night in the 80th year of his age.

The Waldensians will send two delegates to North Carolina to investigate its suitability as a place of residence, as the colony desires to leave its Alpine home.

The Pope said farewell to the English pilgrims yesterday. He warmly commended the Queen and Parliament for granting freedom of worship in all parts of the empire. The Pope received a valuable topaz ring from Emperor William.

Michael J. Rooney, a madman, temporarily confined in a police station at New Haven, Conn., yesterday nearly killed two of the officers, took possession of the corridor, and could not be subdued until a fire engine was summoned and a stream of water thrown on him.

President-elect Cleveland's quarters in the Arlington Hotel, Washington, are said to be probably the finest apartments obtainable in that city. Vice-President-elect Stevenson will arrive in Washington this afternoon, and with his family will occupy rooms at the Ebbitt House.

The Pacific Short Line bridge, near Sioux City, Ia., began three years ago, and suspended, owing to financial reverses, is to be completed at once, two hundred and fifty men being now employed on the work. The structure will be sixty feet wide, and will cost over \$1,000,000.

Dispatches from West Superior, New Richmond, Marshall and other widely scattered points in Wisconsin, report the worst storm of the season, with high winds and steadily falling mercury. At West Superior yesterday the street cars were demoralized and business almost suspended.

The Kansas republicans still hope that they can advise some plan by which they can get enough votes for a United States Senator. They will make an effort to elect Col. Rossington if they can get three populists who were formerly democrats to vote with them, but this seems to be uphill business, and the news from Washington that Martin will probably be seated March 4 is very discouraging to the leaders.

Mr. Johnson, of Ohio, introduced in the House yesterday a bill to reduce the interest upon the public debt, to provide for a flexible currency, and to stop the purchase of silver. It proposes a series of interconvertible bonds bearing interest of 21 per cent., payable in 1907. They are to be issued upon the surrender of non-interest-bearing bonds or interest-bearing bonds, when surrendered, are to be paid for in treasury notes of the character now issued under the Sherman act, which act is repealed.

MR. CLEVELAND'S ADDRESS.—It is stated that Mr. Cleveland's inaugural address will contain about 1,700 words and will be more general than specific in character. Mr. Cleveland has carefully written out what he desires to say, but, as heretofore stated, will speak at the inauguration without manuscript, only referring to topical notes to refresh his memory. The address will express Mr. Cleveland's gratitude to the people for the honor thus a second time conferred upon him as a mark of confidence in him and belief in the principles upon which he was elected. His utterances upon the financial policy, tariff and economy of administration will be decisive and frank. Confidence in democratic principles as able to deal with the problems of labor and capital, sectional divisions, and political unrest will be expressed. The abolition of Federal interference with elections in the States will, it is said, be treated as a recognized decision of the people. The pension department, the new Navy, a rigorous quarantine, and the regulation of immigration will probably receive attention. The President may not refer openly to the question of annexation of Hawaii, but will take a conservative stand on the subject, and not act hastily.

MEN WHO MAKE MONEY.—"There is only one class of people that make good money in this land of ours or any other land," said W. R. Considine, who is at the Lindell. "That is the manufacturing class, and that class alone. I have spent a number of years in business in counsel, work and reflection, and I want to say once and emphatically to the aspiring young American, if you want to be successful and immensely wealthy you can do it only in one way, and that is to manufacture something—something that can be sold to wholesalers. Now just look at the country to-day. Who are the millionaires and people of influence?"

They are by a rousing majority in every community the men who manufacture something—the pork packers, steel-workers, cloth-makers and the like, and they have the best homes, easiest time, most respected families and everything they like in any community that you may enter.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

GREAT TORTOISES.—In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, navigators reported huge land tortoises in two widely separated regions—the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific, and several islands in the Indian Ocean. The tortoises were taken from Mauritius and Reunion, but seem to have been particularly numerous in the smaller islands of Rodriguez. From this island they were in 1761 being sent by thousands to Mauritius, but early in the present century extermination was there complete, and only in the little island of Aldabra are a few specimens of the tortoises now known to be living in a wild state. Steps are being taken to preserve these tortoises, and to introduce them to other islands. Two tortoises—probably of the Rodriguez kind—were delivered to the Royal Artillery on the surrender of Mauritius in 1810, and one of them—2½ feet high, with a shell 9½ feet in circumference—is still living.

The Exchange Bank, of Radford, closed its doors yesterday and Cashier S. W. Borton is missing.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Miss Priscilla Richardson, of Winchester, died very suddenly yesterday of heart disease, aged about 55.

Virginia State fishery vessels are keeping a close watch on oyster dredgers in Tangier and Pocomoke sounds.

A Richmond man who has just returned from New York says that while there Capt. John S. Wise told him that he was done with the republicans and henceforth will be a Cleveland democrat. Mr. Wise is a great admirer of the President-elect, and the announcement of the change of politics of Mahone's former lieutenant will occasion no great deal of surprise in Virginia.

A dispatch from Hot Springs, says: "On Sunday a colored man from Cincinnati named Abner Anthony, caught Mrs. Newton C. Williams on a lonely road near here, pulled her into the woods and attempted to assault her. Her cries brought assistance and the man fled. He was pursued, arrested and quietly lynched that night by 40 men, who hanged him to a tree not 40 yards from the jail."

Sunday night the dwelling of James Vaughn, colored, at Bowen Hill, in Norfolk county, took fire from a defective chimney, and with its entire contents, was rapidly destroyed. Vaughn was away from home at the time, and his wife was so frightened at the roaring flames overhead that she ran into the yard and left her three children, asleep in the house, and they perished in the flames, their bones being found in a heap in the ashes yesterday morning.

SOCIETY HIGH KICKERS.—All the members of the famous New York half-naughty, dude club, the Vaudeville, are on the tip-toe of expectancy. Something is going to happen that will keep the club before the public for the remainder of the season and bring into undying fame the Metropolitan Supply Company. The Supply Company is the corporate name of those members of the club who have undertaken to provide attractions for the members of the Vaudeville. Mr. Ollie Teal is the head of it. Mr. Teal, Mr. Reginald DeKoven, the president of the club, and Mr. Treble Tucker, its secretary, have had their heads together recently, and the result is the determination to provide a real curiosity. Four well-known society ladies have contracted to appear masked before the club, and to execute skirt dances. Only one member of the club—the head of the Metropolitan Supply Company—will know who these women are, but Mr. DeKoven, himself a society man of no mean standing, vouches for their being members of the upper ten, as he also vouches for the fact that they will do the skirt dance quite as well as that dance is done by those on the professional stage. The rehearsals will take place en masque, and will be conducted by President DeKoven. The idea of inviting high-kicking society ladies to come and provide amusement for the members of the Vaudeville Club grew out of the feeling that the ordinary skirt dance as executed by professionals was becoming too commonplace.

MR. COCKRAN ON SILVER.—The House yesterday after some debate, the principal feature of which was a spirited speech by Bourke Cockran, non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill, and sent that important measure to a conference committee. The meaning of this action is that the Sherman amendment inserted in this bill by the Senate, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue three per cent bonds, will be killed by the conference committee. The speech of Mr. Cockran upon the financial situation was not sensational, but was luminous and forcible. He made one statement which commanded the silent attention of the House, followed by an outbreak of applause. This was, that we could never hope to induce European powers to enter into our propositions submitted at the international monetary conference. So long as we buy \$1,500,000 worth of bullion every month and continue to use it practically free coinage, European nations will not enter into any international arrangement, and we must carry the silver of the world. If we could only stop coinage and the purchase of bullion and say to Europe that if she will not join us in an international standard we will dump our silver upon them, which would make a foreign panic, they would come to us as soon as the conference meets again in May and we could dictate the terms.

A CURE FOR INSOMNIA.—Old Capt. Billson and his wife Hannah, of Nantucket, had lived in peace and comfort together for 20 years, the captain having left off going to sea early in life and adopted a home-staying pursuit, but at the end of all free years, in which he and Hannah had not been separated for a single day, he was unexpectedly called to Boston on necessary business, to be gone a month. One of the neighbors called a few days afterward, "Well, well, Hanner," said she, "I sh'd think 't'd be purty lonesome livin' here without the cap'n." "Lonesome?" exclaimed Hannah. "I c'd stand that, but laws-a-massy! How was I to go to sleep nights without hearin' Elnathan snorin'?" "Fust two nights I couldn't sleep, nohow I c'd fix it." "Go to sleep now all right?" "Yes." "How'd ye manage it?" "Well, you see, Maria Folger she keeps boarders next door, and I got her to come in and rig up her coffee mill 't the foot of the bed, and every night she comes in an' grinds her coffee jest after I've gone to bed. Mercy! You couldn't tell it from Elnathan's snorin', an' of course I go right off to sleep." Hannah's eyes twinkled, and we fear she loved a joke more than she loved the truth.—Youth's Companion.

THE HARRIS MURDER CASE.—Recorder Smyth, in New York yesterday, heard the argument of counsel for Carley W. Harris for a new trial. The application was made on the ground of newly discovered evidence. Harris, as it is well-known, was convicted of the murder of his wife, Helen Neilson Potts-Harris, by administering to her pills containing morphine. Mrs. Francis McCredy Harris, his mother, was in the court-room armed with a batch of affidavits which allege that her son's wife was addicted to the morphine habit. The unfortunate young man sat between his mother and Mr. Howe and listened attentively to his counsel's plea in his behalf, and then addressed the recorder himself. Decision was reserved.

A PITIFUL SIGHT.—It is to see an infant suffering from the lack of proper food. It is entirely unnecessary, as a reliable food can always be obtained; we refer to the Gail Borden Eagle Brand Condensed Milk. Sold by grocers and druggists everywhere.

FOR BEAUTIFUL TOWELS, NAPKINS AND TABLE LINES, CHAPMAN'S is place, 424 King street.

The Heavens in March.

The ancient Romans used to consider March as the first month of the year, the legal year beginning on the 25th day of the month, and they gave the name Martius in honor of the god Mars. The ecclesiastical calendar of England also began with March until 1752.

There is an old saying that a "dusty" March portends a plentiful season, while, on the contrary, a "wet" March frequently proves destructive of both wheat and rye.

In March persons hereabout again have the sun on their side of the equator, where they hold it for six months, a period including seedtime and the ripening of the crops. It is quite natural in repeating the sequence of the seasons to place spring first, and astronomical spring actually begins on the 20th, at which time the days and nights are of equal length the world over.

There will be a close eclipse from having five phases of the moon for March, two of which would have been full moons were it not that the second full moon is two hours behindhand, and April 1 arrives in time to fool us out of having the somewhat rare treat. On the tenth the moon is in last quarter, while there is new moon on the 17th and first quarter on the 24th.

The position of honor among the planets belongs in March to Saturn, which on the 29th reaches the point known as opposition, or 180° from the sun, and shortly after the orb of day sinks below the western horizon. Saturn will appear with vacillations of green, of red, and of orange, and remaining somewhat unsettled in color and unsteady in appearance, until he has arisen a few degrees above the horizon's line. The planet is in the constellation of Virgo, the brightest star of which is called Spica.

Jupiter's drawing nearer and nearer the point of sunset has probably been remarked upon by all who are interested in watching the changes among the many-colored diamonds that dot the sky. Before the month is over it will be hard to distinguish him in the purpling twilight, and in April he, who was once lord of the evening stars, will have disappeared entirely from their company.—N. Y. Times.

A TREE THAT EMITS LIGHT.—One of the most remarkable of trees or shrubs grows near some springs about 12 miles north of Tascara. It is about 6 or 7 feet high, with a trunk which, at its base, is three times the size of an ordinary man's wrist. It has numberless branches and twigs, and resembles somewhat the barberry. Its truly wonderful characteristic is its luminosity, which is so great that on the darkest night it can be plainly seen a mile away. A person standing near could read the finest print by its light.

Its foliage is extremely rank, and its leaves resemble somewhat those of the aromatic bay tree in shape, size and color. The luminous property is due to a gummy substance, which can be transferred to the hand by rubbing, and with the transfer the phosphorescent light, while that on the leaf disappears. The luminosity is thought to be due to a parasitic form. The Indians regard it with superstition, and will not come near it even in daytime. They give it a name which means "witch tree."—Horticultural Times.

MR. SCOTT'S UNIQUE IDEA.—Representative Owen Scott, of Illinois, yesterday introduced a bill for the "exploration of the polar regions." The bill recites that the achievements of Christopher Columbus have been fittingly commemorated by the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. In order to continue the work of exploration that Columbus began, the bill provides that an annual appropriation of \$250,000 for "an harmonious and well-sustained prosecution of exploration in the polar regions of the earth yet unknown to men." The work is to be conducted by the government until the exploration of the polar region is complete. First, the President is directed to authorize the complete exploration of the northern polar regions, and after that, the southern polar regions. The President is annually to assign officers of the army, navy and executive department, with complete equipments of vessels, etc., for the exploration. The President is also to appoint a commander for the exploring parties.

LEE AND HIS GENERALS.—Since the death of Gen. Beauregard the question as to who were Generals and who were Lieutenant Generals in the Confederate service, has been discussed in various quarters. A gentleman of this city has compiled the following list of Confederate officers of the ranks named, and which is vouched for as correct. The names are given alphabetically and not in the order of appointment, viz:

Generals.—P. G. T. Beauregard, Braxton Bragg, S. Cooper, J. B. Hood, A. S. Johnston, J. E. Johnston, R. E. Lee, E. Kirby Smith. Lieutenant Generals.—R. H. Anderson, G. B. Buckner, J. A. Early, R. S. Ewell, N. B. Forrest, J. B. Gordon, Wade Hampton, W. J. Hardee, A. P. Hill, D. H. Hill, T. H. Holmes, T. J. Jackson, S. D. Lee, Jas. Longstreet, J. C. Pemberton, L. Polk, A. P. Stewart, J. E. B. Stuart, Richard Taylor.—Williamston (N. C.) Star.

[COMMUNICATED.]

A conglomeration of green tights, spindle legs, strained voices and stale jokes, reminding one of a hideous nightmare, invaded the city last night and held forth at the Opera House. The kind—vaudeville—is bad enough, but this one, the London Sports Burlesque Company, was one of the worst it has been my misfortune to encounter. Such attractions do not deserve the patronage of theatre-going people and should be discouraged. There have been several very good attractions here this season and one or two excellent ones and we can see no reason why a city the size of this should not be treated to a class of plays in keeping with the degree of intelligence of it. Let us hope for something better in the near future and a cessation of such rot.

STAGE.

All local trains of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad between Washington and Baltimore will depart from and arrive at Seventh street and Virginia avenue station.

All the Washington and Alexandria local trains will depart from and arrive at the Ninth street and Maryland avenue station.

These new trains, centrally located and convenient to the cable cars, will enable passengers to reach any part of the city in a few minutes.

All other trains will depart from and arrive at the regular Pennsylvania railroad station corner of Sixth and B streets.

Congress.

In the U. S. Senate yesterday the pension appropriation bill was passed after discussion, and the conference report on the Military Academy bill was adopted. A conference was ordered on the sundry civil bill. Senator Mitchell gave notice of an amendment he would offer to the deficiency bill, which provides that where the legislature of any State has appropriated money for the equipment of its national guard, the latter is entitled to purchase for cash from the United States clothing depots and arsenals, such necessary supplies as it may need at cost prices. The bill regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia was considered, amendments offered by Mr. Gallinger being voted down. No final action was taken. Eulogies were delivered on the late Senator Kennan, of West Virginia, and the usual resolutions passed.

In the House the car-coupler bill was passed under suspension. The conference report on the military academy appropriation bill was agreed to. The conference report on the bill for District of Columbia highways was adopted. Mr. Morse protested against the use of the Pension Building for a promenade concert Sunday next.

DINNER TO MR. MORTON.—Vice President Levi P. Morton was honored in Washington last night as none of his predecessors have been. The entire Senate, without distinction of party, united in tendering him a complimentary dinner and in bearing testimony to the admirable manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the upper chamber of Congress for the past four years. The banquet, which was held in the beautiful dining hall of the Arlington, was the best that skill and taste could supply. The decorations were most effective, and the company as distinguished as could be, inasmuch as scarcely one senator of prominence was absent. Senator Mendenhall, president pro tem. of the Senate, was chairman and toastmaker.

The guest of the evening, Vice President Morton, responded in a happy and well timed speech.

EXPOSING IMPECUNIOUS DUDES.—A number of New York's swell dudes were taken by surprise yesterday when they picked up the morning newspapers and saw therein their names and the amount of their indebtedness to the creditors. Their accounts are to be offered for sale to the highest bidder, and, hereafter, they will have to pay down the cash. The creditors in New York are delighted with this method of inducing rascals to settle their accounts. While some, in the face of such exposure, still refuse to settle, the fact of such publication greatly reduces the number of well-dressed beats in the town. In the list published yesterday is the name of a part proprietor of a big theater, the son of a wealthy brewer, a custom-house detective and a number of nondescript dudes who hang about the expensive hotels and cafes.

KISSED AND MADE UP.—A dispatch from Nashville, Tenn., says: "The Gardner divorce suit will be withdrawn and thus happily ends an affair that has been a social sensation for 18 months. It is authoritatively stated that Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have patched up their differences and that they will in a few days leave for New York on a second bridal tour. During their absence Lynnwood will be fully equipped as a palatial suburban home. Matt M. Gardner is worth about \$300,000. Nearly two years ago he was married to Miss Sadie Polk Fall, but left her a few months after returning from their bridal tour, and about three months ago she entered suit for divorce, charging him with desertion without cause. The case was to have been heard at the coming term of the court, and Mr. Gardner would have had but a short time to file his answer.

MARCH WEATHER.—Professor Hicks, the weather prophet, gives the following as to what we may expect during March:

Storms will end eastward about the 21st, and cold will follow up to the 6th and 7th; warmer, with storms about these dates, with the regular change to cold north winds following up to the 10th. Much warmer about the 11th and 12th, with thunder and heavy storms of rain, snow and wind. The cold following will relax, and heavy gales and storms will result from 16th to 18th. For two or three days following it will be cold. From 21st to 25th is a period to be watched, especially on the seas. Sharp cold will result, continuing up to returning warmth, and storms about the 29th and 30th. This is equinoctial month; don't be surprised at things irregular and extreme.

A TEST CASE.—The recent decision of the Court of Appeals in the Norfolk case, in which it was held that municipal authorities could not make property owners pay for street improvements, promises to be more far-reaching in its effect than generally supposed. A point of interest connected with this decision is whether those who paid such taxes can have their money refunded to them. It is claimed by some that where the property owner did not pay, but the city did, the owner is entitled to a refund. This has already turned over to the collection officers. It is contended that the Norfolk case decided by the court did not fully and clearly present all of the chief legal questions involved in this controversy. Assuming this, City Attorney Meredith, of Richmond, will probably make up another case and carry it to the Court of Appeals. This last one will involve the right of the council to order alleyways to be paved at the cost of abutting property owners on petition of one-third of such owners. This case will, it is believed, bring out clearly all of the constitutional points involved in the one recently passed upon by the appellate tribunal and decided in favor of the taxpayers. Should the decision in the last case be adverse to the city it may be that the question of the right of the property owner to be refunded will be turned to him which was illegally paid will come up for judicial determination. This is an important matter to Richmond and other cities of Virginia, and possibly involves hundreds of thousands of dollars.

New Stations Established in Washington by the Pennsylvania Railroad on Account of the Inauguration.

For the convenience of the increased travel and the prompt and expeditious movement of trains, two new stations will be established on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, going into effect March 2nd and continuing until 6 p. m. March 6th.

These new stations will be at Seventh street and Virginia avenue, and Ninth street and Maryland avenue.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign News.

VIENNA, Feb. 28.—A terrible calamity has overtaken the village of Gergely, near the town of Pakas, in Hungary. Owing to the sudden rise of the Danube the sixteen hundred inhabitants of Gergely found the mud huts in which they lived surrounded by waste water and the people took refuge in the church and school house. Soon the swelling waters began to beat against the church and school building with such fury that it was decided that to remain would mean destruction. Opening the doors they started out into the flood, which surged nearly waist high. They fled as fast as they could, the swift and boiling current pursuing them in their flight. Many persons, the number of whom is as yet unknown, sank in the waters and perished, and the survivors reached Pakas in a most deplorable condition.

A Dastardly Crime.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 28.—A farmer named Corley living near Dayton reported Sunday that his two little girls were missing. Search was made and the children were found yesterday morning in a cabin near the mountains half dead from starvation, exposure and outrage. They stated that while at the railway station intending to go to Rathburn, Tenn., with money which their father had given them, three men came in and picked them up and carried them away to the old hut where they were afterwards found. The men, who were white, were recognized by their victims as John Godsey, Green Prior and J. P. Cates. A posse is hunting for the trio and if they are captured they certainly will be lynched.

A Dreadful Catastrophe.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—By the falling of the walls of John York's burned dry goods store at Halsted and Nineteenth streets at 1:30 o'clock this morning, seven and perhaps eight people were instantly killed and four others seriously injured. The catastrophe was caused by the collapsing, owing to the high wind, of the walls of the building. They had been standing since the fire which last winter destroyed the store and were soaked with water and coated with ice. A change of temperature had weakened the walls by thawing out the ice which held them together and last night's wind shook the tottering walls until they fell with a crash, burying two houses with their sleeping inmates.

Launch of the Indiana.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 28.—The great battle ship Indiana was successfully launched at the ship yard of the William Cramp and Sons Company this afternoon in the presence of thousands of people, among them the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy and other members of the cabinet and quite a large delegation of congressmen and others who arrived from Washington this morning on a special train. Just as the ship started down the incline, Miss Miller broke a bottle of champagne across the bow and firmly said: "I christen thee Indiana."

Champion Corbett.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 28.—Corbett, the pugilist, has entirely recovered from his late illness and played his engagement last evening here. The money posted for the Jackson fight was drawn down yesterday and the match with the colored man is now off. Corbett will go into training at Crown Point, 30 miles from Chicago, to prepare for his fight with Mitchell when his theatrical season is ended.

Gov. McKinley's Liabilities.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Trustee H. H. Kohlstaet has decided to receive whatever funds may be contributed to paying the \$95,000 worth of liabilities of Governor McKinley, of Ohio. The one dollar contribution scheme meets with almost universal approval in the State. It is reported here that Governor McKinley's liabilities, instead of being \$95,000, are nearer \$200,000.

A Boston Tragedy.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—Jos. A. Farquharson, a wine merchant, recently received a letter from his daughter in England announcing that she was ill and this news had a most depressing effect upon him. Last evening Miss Matilda Gorion, sister of Farquharson's physician, called, and after completing her errand began to make preparations for leaving, when Farquharson drew a revolver and fired two bullets into her neck. Farquharson then quickly fired a shot into his own brain and died almost instantly. Miss Gorion's wounds are considered very dangerous, but it is believed that she will recover. It is believed that Farquharson was rendered temporarily insane by brooding over his daughter's illness.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

John L. Sullivan has been drunk ever since he reached St. Louis and last night made a maudlin speech before his audience.

Ex-Mayor Carter Harrison was yesterday nominated for Mayor of Chicago at the democratic primary election.

The New York Senate has passed the bill appropriating \$300,000 additional for the State exhibit at the Chicago fair.

Gov. Mitchell has appointed Senator Passo to be Senator from Florida ad interim, beginning March 4 and ending with the election of Mr. Passo's successor by the legislature which will meet in April.

Rev. W. T. D. Clemm, at the meeting of the Methodist annual conference at Hagerstown, Md., to-morrow, will ask for the appointment of a committee to visit President Cleveland, Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Satoli, and urge them to use their influence in behalf of Rev. Mr. Nelson, a Methodist missionary, now imprisoned in Brazil, because of a statement made in his sermons concerning the patron saint of Brazil.